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METHOD TOGETHER WITH TELEPHONE DEVICE,
COMMUNICATION DEVICE, AND PROGRAM USED FOR SAME
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document A3.

Document A2 relates to an information distribution system by a plurality of networks which improve the reliability of provided information distribution and charging processing by making the connection of a telephone line with which a user device is easily specified a condition for authentication and meanwhile can superimpose a charge involved in the distribution of provided information upon a telephone bill for charging by distribution the provided information through a different mass network.

Document A4 relates to an information providing system and information providing method to reduce the utility charge of users and the facility cost of service providers.

Document A5 relates to a server system and communication data transmission method to provide a server machine that reduces a call tariff in the case of making a speech between unspecified talkers on the basis of a specific topic.

Document A6 relates to an exchange system and incoming call control method for operating proper processing to a transmitted call to a subscriber according to the line use configuration of a subscriber's side housed in a switchboard.

The relevance of Documents A7 and A8 are described in the present specification.

Document A3, listed on the attached PTO/SB/08, was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by

the examiner. An English translation of the foreign-language document is readily available; however, the absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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